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News Release

Effective February 14, 2022, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) will be removing the Proof of Vaccination **or negative test** mandate for visitors and essential family support in all of our facilities, long term care homes and affiliates.

This means that the public will no longer need to supply a valid proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or negative COVID-19 test to enter an SHA facility, long term care home or affiliate.

This does not mean that the COVID-19 pandemic is over but indicates a necessary transition towards living with COVID. Transmission of COVID-19 and its variants will continue to pose a risk throughout the province. Residents are encouraged to make their own personal risk assessment when accessing SHA facilities.

As of February 14, there will be no changes to the masking, screening and family presence directives in SHA facilities. When you enter a facility, you will be expected to:

1. **Wear a medical grade face mask** for the duration of your stay in the facility. Facilities include all hospitals, vaccine clinics, out-patient clinics etc. Failure to wear a mask may result in being denied access to the facility. Patients will continue to be able to remove their masks when they are in their own room. All staff in any SHA facility or performing any SHA service, like Home Care and including LTC homes, are still required to follow continuous masking protocols.
2. **Wash your hands** using readily available hand sanitizer at frequent points throughout your visit.
3. **Answer the COVID-19 screening questions** honestly and to the best of your ability.
4. **Follow Family Presence guidelines.** You can see the Family Presence levels on the [SHA website \(https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/our-organization/quality-care-patient-safety/patient-family-centred-care/family-presence-and-visitation-sha-facilities\)](https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/our-organization/quality-care-patient-safety/patient-family-centred-care/family-presence-and-visitation-sha-facilities).
5. **Be kind and respectful to everyone.** Abusive language and actions will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the facility.

For more information on COVID-19 and changes to the Public Health Order, please visit [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19)[Opens in new window \(https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-information\)](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-information).

Contact Information

Contact the SHA

Contact us with [General Inquiries \(https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/contact/feedback-or-questions\)](https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/contact/feedback-or-questions) or [Feedback About Your Care \(https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/contact/patient-or-client-concerns-and-feedback\)](https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/contact/patient-or-client-concerns-and-feedback), the SHA is here to help.

Help Information

Emergency

If you believe you have an emergency, [dial 911 \(tel:911\)](tel:911).

Questions?

If you have questions about your health, [dial 811 \(tel:811\)](https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/your-health/conditions-diseases-services/healthline-online) on your phone or visit [HealthLine Online \(https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/your-health/conditions-diseases-services/healthline-online\)](https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/your-health/conditions-diseases-services/healthline-online).

PCR Information

The Saskatchewan Health Authority acknowledges Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.

Read more about [Truth & Reconciliation \(https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/trc\)](https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/trc).